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## Higher education Commission appoints new Associate Commissioner

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. - The Commission for Higher Education met today at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis and unanimously voted to appoint Stacy Townsley as the new Associate Commissioner for Information and Research. Townsley currently serves as Associate Vice President for Academic Administration at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

Prior to assuming her present position at Southwestern College, she was the college's Registrar and has regularly taught courses as an adjunct faculty member, including accelerated online courses in information literacy.

"We are thrilled to have Stacy join the Commission and support our ongoing work to deliver quality data that can inform efforts to increase college completion and student success across Indiana's higher education system," said Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education.

As Associate Commissioner for Information and Research, Townsley will oversee data collection, warehousing, and analysis for Indiana's public postsecondary institutions. She will assist the Commissioner and commission members on higher education research and policy matters including program impact, benchmarking, and enrollment trends. Townsley succeeds Molly Chamberlin, who recently became the chief assessment and accountability officer for Indiana.

Townsley holds a B.A. in International Relations and Spanish from University of Tulsa, an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas, and will graduate with a Ph.D. in Organizational Systems from Saybrook University this year.

Townsley will assume her position at the Commission for Higher Education on March 31, 2014.

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